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METHOD DRYING SUBSTRATE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows before examination  
thereof:

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	20	MINUS	20	* =	0	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$0
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$100 or \$200)	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$180 or \$360)	\$0

\* not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

TOTAL \$ 0

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.